and (b) Consequent to the abolition of tariff values, polyester yarns including texturised yarn are now charged to basic excise duty on the basic of assessable value determined under section 4 of the Central Excises and Salt Act, 1944. Yarns of different denierages command different prices, and these prices vary from rime to time. The incidence of excise duty thereon and of the additional burden, if any, will depend on to what extent their value under section 4 differs from the earlier tariff values. As their prices keep changing, it is not possible to confirm whether there will be any additional burden.

As regards twisted and dyed yarn, excise duty is payable by integrated units on their assessable value. The prices of twisted and dyed yarn depend on many factors. The central excise duty is only one of them. It is, therefore, not possible to quantify the effect of excise duty incidence on their prices.

(c) Representations from various associations regarding the difficulties faced by the integrated producers have been received. These are under examination.

Clearance for Power Projects

2087. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether all clearances have been obtained for the Sindol, Hirakud B, Chiplima B and Talcher Power Projects;

(b) whether the project authorities have taken into consideration The grievances of the people; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA BEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) Detailed Project Reports for Sindol, Hirakud B and Chiplima B H.E. Projects have been received in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for accord of techno-economic clearance. These projects are yet to be cleared by the Ministry of Environment and Forest.

For the Taichar Thermal Power Project Stage-II clearance from the Ministry of Environment & Forest and Coal linkage is yet to be obtained.

(b) and (c) The Central Electricity Authority has informed that in compliance of Section 29 of Electricity (Supply) Act, no objections have been received from public for Hirakud B and Chiplima B Hydro Electric Projects by the project-authorities. Compliance of Section 29 in case of Sindol H.E. Project is yet to be done. For the Talcher Power Project Stage-II, representations/ objections received concerning the list of identification of substantially affected families have been taken into consideration by the project-authority, namely, the National Thermal Power Corporation.

Clearance Required for setting up of Power Rant In Private Sector

2088. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of each and every clearance required for setting up of a private sector power plant;

(b) what is the average time required for getting these clearances; and

(c) what steps are being taken to expedite the clearances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA BEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) The various statutory and non-statutory clearances required for setting up a private power project are statement *(see* below).

(b) and (c) Since clearances depend on location and other project parameters, no time frame is normally specified. However, Ministry of Power accords all possible assistance to the Independent Power Producers in obtaining the necessary clearance.